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MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL MEETING
GYP SUM ASSOCIATION
SHERATON BLACKSTONE HOTEL
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

April 4, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. W. D. Herbert, President. Those in attendance were:

M. M. Hambrick	The Celotex Corporation
W. D. Herbert	The Celotex Corporation
E. R. Kiehl	The Celotex Corporation
W. G. Lees	The Celotex Corporation
D. W. Miller	The Celotex Corporation
C. E. Abbey	The Flintkote Company
H. E. Beard	The Flintkote Company
M. C. Carpenter	The Flintkote Company
O. E. Burch	Georgia-Pacific Corporation Gypsum Division
J. D. Friedlein	Georgia-Pacific Corporation Gypsum Division
G. E. Wilson	Georgia-Pacific Corporation Gypsum Division
J. P. Hayes	Gold Bond Building Products Division of National Gypsum Company
E. J. Killian	Gold Bond Building Products Division of National Gypsum Company
J. D. Shull	Gold Bond Building Products Division of National Gypsum Company
J. Voisinet	Gold Bond Building Products Division of National Gypsum Company
F. H. Zimmerman	Gold Bond Building Products Division of National Gypsum Company
J. H. Walton	Kaiser Cement & Gypsum Corporation
T. E. Armstrong, Sr.	Texas Gypsum Company, Inc.
T. E. Armstrong, Jr.	Texas Gypsum Company, Inc.
J. S. Bush	United States Gypsum Company
C. Gramer	United States Gypsum Company
W. W. Holloway	United States Gypsum Company
J. D. May	United States Gypsum Company
J. J. McLaughlin	United States Gypsum Company
A. J. Watt	United States Gypsum Company
A. V. Abnee, Jr.	Gypsum Association
D. E. Brackett	Gypsum Association
M. M. Brenner	Gypsum Association
H. B. Carlsen	Gypsum Association
T. D. MacQueen	Gypsum Association
F. J. Rogers	Gypsum Association
R. B. Cartwright	Legal Counsel
F. D. Morrissey	Legal Counsel
R. Shepherd	Guest

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OPENING REMARKS

President Herbert opened the meeting by inviting all present to introduce themselves.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the minutes of the last meeting of the membership were approved as distributed by the Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chairman J. H. Walton reported on the activities of the Safety Committee. Mr. Walton reviewed the last three successful Association Safety seminar programs on accident prevention. These workshop sessions were held at Cherry Hill, New Jersey, San Francisco, California and Jacksonville, Florida. The next seminar is scheduled for Cleveland, Ohio on September 20, 1973. During the Jacksonville meeting, OSHA representative W. W. Gordon addressed the conference and provided useful information on OSHA regulations and procedures.

Mr. Walton reported that the "Industrial Safety Manual" has been recently revised and is strongly recommended to the management personnel of every plant as an excellent plant safety guide.

Chairman Walton stated that fleet safety activities are being given greater attention and that the committee has proposed a statistical program to collect accident per mile data in order to establish an industry accident frequency rate.

A matter of concern is the increase in the plant accident frequency rate for the industry. The membership was asked to give their attention to programs designed to reduce the rate. A further complication is that there are currently two reporting systems to determine frequency, the OSHA and the ANSI Z16 incident report. Mr. Walton noted that 1973 will be an interim year during which the membership can report safety statistics to the Association under either reporting system, but that it is anticipated that the industry safety contest program will be entirely under OSHA reporting methods in 1974.

It was reported that a list of 17,000 items had been compiled by NIOSH containing chemicals and other ingredients which could affect the environment. Asbestos fibers continue to receive attention throughout industry. Other hazards considered to be of prime importance to the workers' environment are noise, heat stress and carbon monoxide. The chairman urged the membership to become aware of the standards being developed in OSHA and NIOSH. Mr. Walton reported that the Safety Committee recommends that the Association undertake a program to study all airborne dust emissions from the mixing and finishing of joint compounds.

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Mr. Holloway reported on a meeting in Fort Dodge, Iowa on March 27, 1973 at which four member company works managers from the area met with committee representatives to review a new county zoning ordinance affecting mining operations and to discuss future land reclamation plans. He noted that, as a result of the meeting, the plant managers are currently planning to meet with the Webster County Zoning Board in an attempt to modify an ordinance which requires a 150 foot setback from property lines for quarrying operations. Mr. Holloway also noted that the Fort Dodge managers would file master plans with the Zoning Board individually, but the plans would be entered on one color coded map covering quarry operations in ten year increments.

Severance tax activities continue to be monitored in Ohio and Indiana by the Association staff and progress reports are issued.

The committee has maintained close liaison with the Materials Handling and Safety Committees on mutual areas of interest. The chairman emphasized the need for more education and training to assure proper loading of our bulkhead flatcars, which has been criticized by the AAR. The committee added their support for the safety film on fork lift trucks as proposed by the Safety Committee.

The Manufacturing and Mining Committee discussed an Association test program for determining the asbestos content of joint compound dust at its meeting on the previous day. It was their recommendation that such an undertaking must be carefully assessed and defined before any testing is initiated.

The chairman of the Building Code Committee had recommended to the committee that it consider a uniform method of marking the face side of interior gypsum board in order that building inspectors could ascertain the type of board installed prior to joint treatment. The Manufacturing and Mining Committee's immediate reaction was that any marking to the face side of board products should be avoided. This matter was referred to the Board of Directors for guidance.

Underwriters' Laboratories has proposed a plan using the quality control functions of the member companies rather than inspection of board machine production. This would reduce U.L.'s inspection function. The committee thought this to be a decision for each company to make rather than an Association matter and therefore did not offer a recommendation on the plan.

The committee decided to continue to meet annually with the task groups, meeting at the call of the chairman as frequently as required during the year.

A comment from the floor was made to clarify the purpose of the U.L. quality control inspection plan. This plan was developed in answer to complaints about the variations in U.L. inspection methods at different plants. The program offered by U.L. apparently is intended to apply to the entire industry and, if offered by U.L., the present inspection procedure will be discontinued.

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approve such an ongoing and continuing testing program. In order to establish parameters of a program for the consideration of the Directors, the following guidelines are proposed:

1. The Test Committee is to be a standing subcommittee of the Technical Committee.
2. There shall be three members, each from a different company, having expert knowledge of fire, sound and structural testing appointed by the Chairman of the Technical Committee. In addition, a secretary shall be appointed.
3. Members do not need to be members of the Technical and Building Code Committees, but may be selected from each member company on the basis of their expert knowledge. At least one member shall have knowledge of building codes.
4. There shall be unanimous agreement within the subcommittee about the need for running a specific test. Any difference of opinion will be resolved by the Technical Committee.
5. The laboratory location, time, arrangements and other details of test shall be the responsibility of the subcommittee.
6. The subcommittee invites, and will review, any test desired by any member under this program.
7. The subcommittee will meet as often as necessary to determine a priority list and prepare a cost estimate for approval by the Board of Directors at least annually.
8. Where test data exists within a company, a request will be made for release of the test, before attempting any duplicate testing.

A Testing Subcommittee was appointed at the last Technical Committee meeting, and they proposed an initial program of ten tests (six fire and four sound) after consideration of 28 tests submitted by the membership. The cost estimate for the series was \$38,500. Initially, approval was requested for \$22,000 while the program is in its beginning stage. It is anticipated that this amount is needed for the tests that could be conducted in one year.

The program is not to be involved in testing any proprietary products, as defined by the Board of Directors and distributed to the membership in 1968.

The chairman next reviewed the need for a program to evaluate the hazards which may be present in dust resulting from joint sanding or dry mixing of joint compound. OSHA is especially strict where dust

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may contain asbestos fibers. A task group has been appointed in the Technical Committee to recommend a program to determine the hazard levels from dusty operations. The Board of Directors was asked to approve a budget request for this activity.

The chairman recommended that the Board of Directors appoint an Association task group to consider all phases of OSHA. This would include exchange of information and consideration of in-plant dust problems, as well as field hazards and the need for warning labels on products.

The chairman recommended that an industry task group on Consumer Products Liability be appointed rather than a task group within any one committee. This would be a demonstration of activity on an industry, rather than a fragmented committee basis.

In connection with the use of gypsum products in the mobile home industry, it was suggested that insurance companies and the Mobile Home Association should be asked to provide information about mobile home fire problems. The Board was asked to provide guidance on this proposal.

It has been suggested that there is a need for a remodeling specification for the rehabilitation of substandard housing. This is a very complex problem and would require a great deal of work. The Technical Committee did not wish to pursue this problem at this time unless the Board of Directors desired that action be taken to develop a rehabilitation specification.

Mr. Shull spoke in behalf of a scholarship program to be established in honor of the late John A. Robertson. A Technical Committee task group had proposed that a John A. Robertson scholarship be established at a university to assist a needy student in construction technology or architecture. The Board was asked to consider such a program.

The report of the Technical Committee, except for items relating to budget, was received with thanks. Chairman Abbey, of the Building Code Committee, rose in behalf of his committee to support the Association Test Program and the John A. Robertson scholarship program.

REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Chairman D. W. Miller reported on the activities of the Promotional Committee.

Mr. Miller first reported that the Lead-Based Paint program was continuing with news releases and follow-ups to inquiries. This has been a successful promotional activity.